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Brochures and registration forms are available from the contact person or organization sponsoring the program.

- February 7-11, 1999—International Congress XII on Endovascular Interventions. Contact: Erika Scott (602) 266-2200 or fax (602) 265-8885. www.endovascularcongress.org
- February 26–28, 1999—Coronary Heart Disease Update. Hilton Tapatio Cliffs, Phoenix, AZ. CME 11 hrs Category I. Contact: Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569 (800)421-3756 FAX (303)798-5731.
- October 29–31, 1999—Neurology for the Non-neurologist. The Phoenician, Scottsdale, AZ. CME 11 hrs Category I. Contact: Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569 (800)421-3756 FAX (303)798-5731.
- December 10–12, 1999—Managing Respiratory Disease. The Phoenician, Scottsdale, AZ. CME 11 hrs Category I. Contact: Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569 (800)421-3756 FAX (303)798-5731.

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Mayo Clinic-Scottsdale—Contact: Postgraduate Courses, Mayo Clinic-Scottsdale, (602) 301-7447.

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November 5-7, 1999—11th Annual Anesthesiology Update. Monterey Plaza, Monterey, California. Fri-Sat. Contact (916) 734-5390.

CARDIOLOGY

January 18–22, 1999—The 30th Annual Cardiovascular Conference at Snowmass. Sponsored by the American College of Cardiology. To be held at Snowmass Conference Center, Snowmass, CO. 23 CME credits. Contact: Registration Secretary, Extramural Programs Dept., American College

- of Cardiology, 9111 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814-1699. Phone (800) 253-4636, ext.695 or Fax (301) 897-9745.
- January 29–31, 1999—Clinical Nuclear Cardiology: Case Review With the Experts. Cardiology Update 1998. American College of Cardiology at Los Angeles. Thurs.—Sat. Contact: ACC Extramural Programs (800) 253-4636.
- February 18–20, 1999—19th Annual Pathophysiology & Techniques of Cardiopulmonary Bypass. San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina. Sponsored by the Cardiothoracic Research &Education Forum. Contact: Aligned Management Associates, Inc. P.O. Box 23220, San Diego CA 92193 (619) 541-1444 or fax (619) 541-1447. www.amainc.com
- Coronary Heart Disease Update—March 24–26, 1999—Maui, HI; July 30-August 1, 1999-Yosemite, CA; November 19–21,1999-Las Vegas, NV. CME 11 hrs Category I. Contact: Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569 (800)421-3756 FAX (303)798-5731.

DERMATOLOGY

- January 14–17, 1999—Practical Dermatology for the Primary Care Physician, San Diego, CA. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Hyatt Regency, La Jolla, San Diego, CA. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thurs–Sun. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
- March 4–7, 1999—Practical Dermatology for the Primary Care Physician, Orlando, FL. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Buena Vista Palace at Walt Disney World Village, Orlando, FL. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thus–Sun. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
- May 23–26, 1999—Practical Dermatology for the Primary Care Physician, Las Vegas, NV. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Sun-Wed. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP, \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
- Dermatology for the Non-Dermatologist—March 12–14, 1999—Las Vegas, NV; April 23–25, 1999—San Francisco, CA; June 25–27, 1999—Anaheim, CA; September 24–26, 1999—Las Vegas, NV. CME 11 hrs Category I. Contact: Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569 (800)421-3756 FAX (303)798-5731.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE

- February 7–12, 1999—Emergency Medicine: 22nd Annual UCD Winter Conference. UC Davis at Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, NV. Sun-Fri. 24 hrs. \$445. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.
- March 1–2, 1999—Improving Emergency Department Patient Satisfaction and Reducing Length of Stay. Las Vegas, Nevada at Harrah's. Contact: CEME, 5330 Primrose Drive, Suite 250, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. (800) 651-2363.
- March 1-5, 1999—Critical Care, Trauma and Emergency Medicine, 37th Annual Symposium. Sponsored by the University of Southern California School of Medicine, Postgraduate Division. Caesars Palace Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. 27 hrs. Contact Associate Dean, USC Postgraduate Medicine, 1975 Zonal Ave., KAM 307, Los Angeles, CA 90033. (323) 442-2555 or (800) USC-1119 or FAX (323) 442-2152.
- April 12–13, 1999—High Risk Emergency Medicine. Las Vegas, Nevada at Harrah's. Contact: CEME, 5330 Primrose Drive, Suite 250, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. (800) 651-2363.
- May 6–7, 1999—Challenges in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Las Vegas, Nevada at Harrah's. Contact: CEME, 5330 Primrose Drive, Suite 250, Fair Oaks, CA 95628, (800) 651-2363.
- May 13-16, 1999—Outdoor Emergency Medicine, Scottsdale, AZ. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Mariott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale, AZ. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thurs-Sun. 32 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$750. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
- May 20–21, 1999—High Risk Emergency Medicine. Las Vegas, Nevada at Harrah's. Contact: CEME, 5330 Primrose Drive, Suite 250, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. (800) 651-2363.
- June 3-4, 1999—Improving Emergency Department Patient Satisfaction and Reducing Length of Stay. Chicago, IL at the Holiday Inn Chicago City Centre. Contact: CEME, 5330 Primrose Drive, Suite 250, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. (800) 651-2363.

ENDOCRINOLOGY

- January 23, 1999—NewEra in Diabetes Management. Cypress Foundation at Doubletree Hotel at Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey. Sat. 7 hrs. \$105-\$125. Contact: The Cypress Foundation (831) 455-1008 or FAX (831) 455-1060.
- March 5, 1999—Diabetes Update: 1999. UC Davis at Doubletree Hotel. Sacramento, CA. Friday. 7 hrs. \$130. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.
- March 11-13, 1999—The Fourth International Conference on Continuous Renal Replacement Therapies. Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, California. Contact: Shirley Kolkey, Complete Conference Management, 1660 Hotel Circle North, #220, San Diego, CA 92108. (619) 299-6673 or fax (619) 299-6675.
- October 22-24, 1999-Clinical Endocrinology for Primary Care Physicians. Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV. CME 11 hrs Category I. Contact: Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569 (800)421-3756 FAX (303)798-5731.

ETHICS

March 3, 1999— Ethical Problems of Daily Practice. UC Davis at Cancer Center Auditorium, Sacramento. Wed. 6.5 hrs. Contact: UCD (916) 734-

FAMILY PRACTICE/PRIMARY CARE

- January 14-17, 1999—Practical Dermatology for the Primary Care Physician. Continuing Medical Education Associates at Hyatt Regency, SF. Thurs.-Sun. 20 hrs. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, PO Box 270469, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
- January 14-17, 1999-Office Orthopedics and Bone Radiology for the Primary Care Physician. Continuing Medical Education Associates at Hyatt Regency, SF. Thurs.-Sun. 20 hrs. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, PO Box 270469, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
- February 11-14, 1999-Office Gynecology and Women's Health for the Primary Care Physician. Continuing Medical Education Associates at Hyatt Islandia, San Diego. Thurs.-Sun. 20 hrs. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, PO Box 270469, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619)
- February 12-14, 1999—California Academy of Family Physicians (CAFP) 51 st Annual Scientific Assembly. San Diego Concourse, San Diego, CA. 40 hrs. Contact: Clark Franklin, CAFP, 114 Sansome Street, Suite 1305, San Francisco, CA 94104-3824. (415) 394-9121 or fax (415) 394-9119.
- February 17-19, 1999—Annual Review in Family Medicine: Controversies and Challenges in Primary Care. UCSF at Cathedral Hill Hotel, SF. Wed.-Fri. 16 hrs. \$400. Contact: UCSF Program Coordinator, Dept. of Family and Community Medicine (415) 476-5250.
- February 27-March 2, 1999-16th Annual OB/GYN Conference. OCD at Harrahs Tahoe, South Lake Tahoe, NV. Sat.-Tues. 16 hrs. \$325. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.
- March 27, 1999—Primary Care Gastroenterology. UC Davis at Cancer Center Auditorium, Sacramento, CA, Saturday, Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.
- April 10, 1999—Primary Care Orthopedics, Lower Extremities. UC Davis at Holiday Inn Northeast, Sacramento, CA. Sat. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.
- April 17, 1999—Primary Care Cardiology. UC Davis at Cancer Center Auditorium, Sacramento, CA. Sat. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.

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- University of California, Irvine, Memorial/UCI Center for Health Education, (714) 824-5926. UCI:
- University of California, Los Angeles, Continuing Education in Medicine and Health Sciences, (310) 794-2620. UCLA:
- University of California, San Diego, Office of Continuing Medical Education, (619) 534-3940. UCSD:
- UCSF:
- University of California, San Francisco, Extended Programs in Medical Education, (415) 476-4251.
- University of Southern California, Postgraduate Division, (800) USC-1119. USC:

- April 28, 1999—Mangement of Benign Uterine Conditions. UC Davis at Cancer Center Auditorium, Sacramento, CA. Wed. 4 hrs. \$50. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.
- May 14-18, 1999—Primary Care Essentials, San Francisco, CA. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Grand Hyatt on Union Square, San Francisco, CA. Method: AV. L. SB, W. Thurs-Sun. 32 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$750. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

- February 5-6, 1999—Infectious Disease Update: 1999. UC Davis at Hilton Hotel, Sacramento. Fri-Sat. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.
- February 11-13, 1999—Epidemiology and Prevention of Infectious Diseases: Emerging Infectious Diseases. UCSF at Crowne Plaza, Union Square, San Francisco. Thurs-Sat. 14.5 hrs. \$470. Contact: UCSF (415) 476-5808.
- February 21-26, 1999-Winter Course in Infectious Diseases, Snowmass, Colorado-25th Anniversary Meeting. Sponsored by the Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine and Research Institute, Palo Alto Medical Foundation. 28 hrs. \$75-\$350. Contact: Trisha Mitchell, Meeting Coordinator (800) 535-7814 or fax (215) 422-1283.

INTERNAL MEDICINE

- March 19-25, 1999-Internal Medicine, San Diego CA. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Hotel del Coronado, San Diego, CA. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Fri–Thurs. 45 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$895. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049. San Diego, CA 92198, (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
- August 22-27, 1999-New Advances in Internal Medicine. Embassy Suites, Monterey, CA. Sun-Fri. Contact (916) 734-5390.

NEPHROLOGY

February 4-6, 1999—Advanced Nephrology: Nephrology for the Consultant. Sponsored by UC San Diego. To be held at the Coronado Island Marriott Resort, Coronado, CA. 17 hrs credit:AMA. \$175, \$425. Contact: Shirley Kolkey, 1660 Hotel Circle North, #220, San Diego, CA 92108. Phone (619) 299-6673 or Fax (619) 299-6675; e-mail c-c-m@worldnet.att.net

NEUROLOGY

- February 10-12, 1999—Recent Advances in Neurology. UCSF at Mark Hopkins Inter-Continental Hotel, San Francisco. Wed-Fri. 15 hrs. \$425. Contact: UCSF (415) 476-0318.
- May 14–16, 1999—Neurology for the Non-neurologist. Bally's, Las Vegas, NV. CME 11 hrs Category I. Contact: Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569 (800)421-3756 FAX (303)798-5731.

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- February 11-14, 1999-Office Gynecology and Women's Health for the Primary Care Physician, San Diego, CA. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Hyatt Islandia, San Diego, CA. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thurs—Sun. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
- February 25-28, 1999-Office Gynecology and Women's Health for the Primary Care Physician, Orlando, FL. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Buena Vista Palace at Walt Disney World Village, Orlando, FL. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thurs–Sun. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
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- April 28, 1999-Mangement of Benign Uterine Conditions. UC Davis at Cancer Center Auditorium, Sacramento, CA. Wed. 4 hrs. \$50. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.
- September 25-26, 1999-Ultrasound Update: 1999. Hilton Hotel, Sacramento, CA. Sat.-Sun. (916) 734-5390
- December 10-12,1999—Issues in Women's Health. Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV. CME 11 hrs Category I. Contact: Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569 (800)421-3756 FAX (303)798-5731.

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- February 25–28, 1999—Office Orthopedics and Bone Radiology for the Primary Care Physician, New Orleans, LA. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, New Orleans, LA. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thurs—Sun. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
- February 25–28, 1999—Office Orthopedics and Bone Radiology for the Primary Care Physician, Las Vegas, NV. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Sun—Wed. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
- June 13–18, 1999—23rd Annual Fingers to the Toes Primary Care Orthopaedics. To be held at the Stanford Sierra Camp, near South Lake Tahoe, Fallen Leaf Lake, CA. Sun-Fri. Contact (916) 734-5390.

PEDIATRICS

- January 29–31,1999—37TH Clinical Conference Pediatric Anesthesiology. Disneyland Hotel, 1150 W. Cerritos Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92802. Sponsored by The Pediatric Anesthesiology Foudation. \$250-\$295. Contact David J Steward, M.B., Program Director, Pediatric Anesthesiology Conference Box #3, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, PO. Box 54700, Los Angeles, CA 90054. Phone (213) 669-2262 or Fax (213) 660-8983.
- February 14–17, 1999—Pediatrics Update 1999, San Diego, CA. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Hyatt Islandia, San Diego, CA. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Sun-Wed. 20 hrs credit:AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
- February 28–March 3, 1999—Pediatrics Update 1999, Orlando, FL. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Buena Vista Palace at Walt Disney World Village, Orlando, FL. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Sun-Wed. 20 hrs credit:AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
- March 19–20, 1999—Pediatrics Update: 1999. UC Davis at Cancer Center Auditorium, Sacramento, CA. Fri–Sat. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.
- May 6–8, 1999—Advances and Controversies in Clinical Pediatrics. UCSF at Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Nob Hill, SF. Contact: UCSF (415) 476-5808 or FAX (415) 502-1795.
- July 16-17,1999—Seventh Annual Pediatric Update. Sponsored by Lucile Packard Children's Health Services at Stanford and faculty from UCSF and Stanford Schools of Medicine. Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Contact: Elinor Meyer, Continuing Medical Education and Physician Relations Department, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, 725 Welch Road, Palo Alto, CA 94304 (650) 497-8554.

PLASTIC SURGERY

March 18–20, 1999—11th Annual Symposium on Aesthetic Surgery. UCSF at Palace Hotel, San Francisco. Thurs–Sat. 19.5 hrs. \$950. Contact UCSF (415) 476-5808.

PRIMARY CARE

- February 26–28, 1999—Management of the HIV-Infected Patient-A Practical Approach for the Primary Care Practitioner. Le Meridien, New Orleans, LA. Contact: Center for Bio-Medical Communication, Inc. (201) 342-5300 or FAX (201) 342-7555; email cmeinfo@cbcbiomed.com
- March 27, 1999—Primary Care Gastroenterology. UCDMC, Cancer Center Auditorium, Sacramento, CA. Sat. (916) 734-5390.
- April 10, 1999—Primary Care Orthopedics, Lower Extremities. Holiday Inn Northeast, Sacramento, CA. Sat. (916) 734-5390.
- April 17, 1999—Primary Care Cardiology. UCDMC, Cancer Center Auditorium, Sacramento, CA. Sat. (916) 734-5390.

- June 5-7, 1999—8th Annual Primary Care Treatment of Pain. Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite, Fish Camp, CA. Sat-Mon. (916) 734-5390.
- July 25–29, 1999—19th Annual Current Concepts in Primary Care Cardiology. Granlibakken Conference Center, Tahoe City, CA. Sun-Thurs. (916) 734-5390.
- October 22-24, 1999. Clinical Endocrinology for Primary Care Physicians. Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV. CME 11 hrs Category I. Contact: Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569 (800)421-3756 FAX (303)798-5731.

PSYCHIATRY

- January 24–29, 1999—Annnual Midwinter Program for Psychiatrists. UC Davis at Hyatt Regency Incline Village, NV. Sun-Fri. 25 hrs. \$495.
- April 10, 1999—Psychiatry Update. UC Davis at Cancer Center Auditorium, Sacramento, CA, Sat. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.

RADIOLOGY

February 25–28, 1999—**Up to Date Radiology in the Desert.** Mira Monte Resort, Indian Wells, California. Credit 26 hrs. AMA. \$495-\$750. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

RESPIRATORY

- March 19–20, 1999—Cystic Fibrosis Caregivers Symposium. UC Davis at Marriott Hotel, Napa, CA. Fri–Sat. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.
- Managing Respiratory Disease-April 23-25, 1999-Las Vegas, NV; June 11-13, 1999-San Francisco, CA; August 6-8, 1999-Monterey, CA. CME 11 hrs Category I. Contact: Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569 (800)421-3756 FAX (303)798-5731.

SURGERY

- January 15-16, 1999—What's New General Surgery. UC Davis at Hyatt Regency Sacramento at Capitol Park. Fri–Sat. 13 hrs. \$280. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.
- April 24, 1999—3rd Annual Organ Transplant Conference. UCD at Cancer Center Auditorium, Sacramento, CA. Sat. Contact UCD (916) 734-5390.

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- January 29–31, 1999—Research Study Club, 65th Clinical Conference. To be held at the Universal City Hilton & Towers, CA. 15 hrs credit. \$190–\$400. Contact: Mrs.Ball (909) 677-4482 or fax (909) 677-7904; email: lbll@aol.com.
- April 28-May 8, 1999—Blue Water Medical Seminar. Tri City Medical Center at Baja California aboard Royal Star Sportfisher. Wed-Sun. 20 hrs. \$3300. Contact: Ronald Mcdak (760) 727-7863.
- May 16–19, 1999—Alternative Medicine, Scottsdale, AZ. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Mariott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale, AZ. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Sun-Wed. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.
- June 22-29, 1999—Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction in Mind-Body Medicine. To be held at the Mana Lae Retreat Center, Maui, Ha. \$995. Contact: Steve Flowers (530) 898-1495.

LOSS PREVENTION

September 22–25, 1999—Legal Issues in Damaged Brain Injury Cases. Westin St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, CA. Wed–Sat. Contact (916) 734-5390.

HOME STUDY/SELF ASSESSMENT

- California Physicians' Legal Handbook Series. California Medical Association. Contact: CMA, PO Box 7690, San Francisco 94120-7690. (800) 882-1262.
- Breast Cancer, Early Detection and Control. Texas Medical Association. CD ROM. \$70. 2 hrs. Contact: Texas Medical Association, (800) 880-1300; http://www.texmed.org/health_science/hs_poep.html

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- Tuesday Noon Conferences—Various Topics in Medicine. Lutheran Medical Center, Wheat Ridge. Contact: Jean A. Kline, (303) 425-2951.
- First Wednesday of Each Month—Various Topics in Neurology. Colorado Society of Clinical Neurologists. Contact: Colorado Society of Neurologists, (303) 449-3566.
- Second Wednesday of Each Month—Cardiovascular Education Series. St Anthony Hospital at St Anthony Hospital, Denver. Contact: Rose Powell, (303) 629-3678.
- February 4–6, 1999—Neurology For The Non-Neurologist. Hyatt Regency, Cancun Mexico. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- February 5–7, 1999—Arrhythmias: Interptretation, Diagnosis & Management MGM Grand, Las Vegas, NV Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- February 12–14, 1999—Clinical Endocrinology For Primary Care Physicans. Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, CO.Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- February 19–21, 1999—Managing Respiratory Diseases. Marriot's Casa Marina, Key West, FL. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- February 25–27, 1999—Dermatology For The Non-Dermatologist. Atlantis Paradise Resort, Bahamas. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- February 26–28, 1999—Coronary Heart Disease Update. Hilton Tapatio Cliffs, Scottsdale, AZ. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- March 12–14, 1999—Dermatology For The Non-Dermatologist.Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- March 25–27, 1999—Neurology For The Non-Neurologist. Grand Beach Resort, St. Thomas, USVI. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- March 25–27, 1999—Clinical Endocrinology For Primary Care Physicans. Marriott's Beach Resort, St. Grand Cayman. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- March 26–28, 1999—Managing Respiratory Diseases. Buena Vista Palace, Orlando, FL. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- April 8–10, 1999—Coronary Heart Disease Update. Hyatt Regency, Aruba Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- April 8–10, 1999—Clinical Endocrinology For Primary Care Physicans. The Westin Resort, St John, USVI. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- April 9–11, 1999—Arrhythmias: Interptretation, Diagnosis & Management Hilton Tapatio Cliffs, Scottsdale, AZ. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

- April 9–11, 1999—Neurology For The Non-Neurologist. Marriott's Casa Marina, Key West, FL. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- April 23–25,1999—Managing Respiratory Diseases. Bally's, Las Vegas, NV. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
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- April 30-May 2, 1999—Dermatology For The Non-Dermatologist. South Sea Plantation, Captiva Island, FL. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- April 30–May 2, Clinical Endocrinology For Primary Care Physicans. Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- May 14–16, 1999—Managing Respiratory Diseases. Hilton Resort, Hilton Head, SC. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.
- May 14–16, 1999—Neurology For The Non-Neurologist. Bally's, Las Vegas, NV. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

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U of Colo—Contact: University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine, Office of Continuing Medical Education, 4200 E 9th Ave, Denver 80262. (303) 372-9050 or (800) 882-9153; FAX (303) 372-9065.

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The listing of continuing medical education programs in Idaho is compiled by the Ada County Medical Society. To list CME programs here, please send information at least two months in advance to: Ada County Medical Society, Inc. 305 W. Jefferson, PO Box 2668, Boise, Idaho 83701. (208) 336-2930.

Brochures, course information, and registration forms are available from the contact person or organization.

February 19–21, 1999—ACMS 40th Annual Medical Winter Clinics. McCall, Idaho, Shore Lodge Inn. 11.5 hrs. Contact: Judy Barningham (208) 336-2930 or Marie Chester (208) 331-1478.

NEW MEXICO

Information, requests for accreditation, and items to be listed should be sent to the chair of the CME Committee, New Mexico Medical Society, 7770 Jefferson, Suite 400, Albuquerque, NM 87109, at least two months in advance. For information on CME accreditation or on the CME requirements of the New Mexico Board of Medical Examiners, please write to the above address or call (505) 828-0237.

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- Every First and Third Tuesday—Building and Implementing Clinical Practice Guidelines at the Point of Care. Contact: Thomas A. Naegele, DO, (505) 275-7267.
- April 28-30, 1999—The Fourth Annual Clinical Cardiology Management and Diagnostic Dilemmas. Eldorado Hotel, Santa Fe, NM. 17 Category 1 AMA. Contact: Registration Secretary, American College of Cardiology, 9111 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814-1699 (800) 253-4636, ext.695.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

UNM SOM—University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Office of CME, PO Box 713, Albuquerque 87131. (505) 277-3942.

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January 6–10, 1999—MRI at Snowbird. Cliff Lodge, Snowbird, Utah. Credit 20 hrs. AMA. \$400-\$650. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773 or fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com. www.ryalsmeet.com

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Weekly-Pediatric Grand Rounds. Contact: PCMC.

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Brochures and registration forms are available from the contact person or organization listed at the end of each course or in the list of course sponsors and contact information.

COURSE SPONSORS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

CME HARBORVIEW—Contact: Gayle Splater, Cytology Continuing Education, Dept. of Pathology, Harborview Medical Center, 325 Ninth Ave, Seattle, WA 98104. (206) 223-5953.

PCMS CME—Contact: Executive Director, College of Medical Education, 705 S Ninth, No. 203, Tacoma, WA 98405. (206) 627-7137.

U/W (UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON)—Contact: U/W School of Medicine, Div. of CME, SC-50. Seattle, WA 98195. (206) 543-1050.

VMMC (VIRGINIA MASON MEDICAL CENTER)—Contact: Linda Orgel, Division of Continuing Medical Education, Virginia Mason Medical Center, PO Box 900, Seattle, WA 98111. (206) 340-2058.

WSMA—Washington State Medical Association, Continuing Medical Education, 2033 Sixth Ave. Ste 1100, Seattle, WA 98121. (206) 441-9762.

OTHER CME OPPORTUNITIES

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Annual Meeting and Course: International Spine Imaging Symposium. February 15–17, 1999. Registry Resort, Naples, Florida. Credit 19.5 hrs. AMA. \$250–\$650. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

Breast Imaging Today and Tomorrow. January 25–28, 1999. Boca Raton Resort and Club, Boca Raton, Florida. Credit 23 hrs. AMA. \$495–\$695. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

Breast Imaging Today and Tomorrow. February 15–19, 1999. Buena Vista Palace Resort and Spa, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Credit 23 hrs. AMA. \$495-\$695. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

Musculoskeletal MR. January 18–22, 1999. The Ritz-Carlton Resort Hotel, West Palm Beach, Florida. Credit 22.5 hrs. AMA. \$450–\$695. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

Predoctoral Education Conference. February 4–7, 1999. Savannah Marriott Riverfront, Savannah, Georgia. Contact: Ray Rosetta, Meetings and Programs Director, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, 880 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114. Phone (800) 274-2237, ext. 4512.

STFM Family Conference. March 3-7, 1999. Kiawah Resort, Kiawah Island, South Carolina. Contact: Ray Rosetta, Meetings and Programs Director, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, 8880 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114. Phone (800) 274-2237, ext. 4512.

5th Annual Neuroradiology: A Comprehensive Review. February 2-6, 1999. The Ritz-Carlton Resort Hotel, West Palm Beach, Florida. Credit 24 hrs. AMA. \$450-\$695. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

32nd Annual Spring Conference. April 28–May 2, 1999. Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Towers, Seattle, Washington. Contact: Ray Rosetta, Meetings and Programs Director, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, 8880 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114. Phone (800) 274-2237, ext. 4512.

35th Annual Forensic Dentistry. March 7-11, 1999. Holiday Inn, Silver Spring, Maryland. Credit 38 hrs. \$300-\$675. Contact: Ruth Murphy, CAME, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC 20306-6000; (800) 577-3749 or (202) 782-2637; email: came@afip.osd.mil; www.afip.org.

58th Annual American Occupational Health Conference. April 23–30, 1999. Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana. Contact: ACOEM Education Dept., 55 W. Seeger Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005; (847) 228-6850 or fax (847) 228-1856; www.acoem.org.

80th Annual Session-American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine. April 22–25, 1999. Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans. Credit 29 hrs. Contact: ACp-ASIM Customer Service (800) 523-1546, ext. 2600; www.acponline.org.

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